

## ***FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2014

**Agenda Item:** 2014 White-Tailed Deer Antlerless B License Authorization

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 30 minutes

### **Background**

For the 2014 and 2015 mule deer and white-tailed deer hunting seasons, some of the more significant changes include antlered-only mule deer seasons and largely eliminating B licenses for mule deer and white-tailed deer statewide. Recognizing the statewide scale of reduced antlerless harvest and hearing concerns that some specific areas may have deer population levels needing management control, the commission also clarified authority for additional mule deer B licenses in specific hunting districts to be defined and allocated for the 2014 general hunting seasons with approval by the Regional Supervisor, Director and Area Commissioner. Unless specifically noted, these B licenses would also appear for the 2015 season. Based upon some landowner concerns and recent field observations by regional FWP staff, this proposal is to extend that B license authority and process to white-tailed deer as well.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

This proposal is largely based upon public process and comments already received during the biennial season setting process. In that light, new public comment will be limited to those public inputs received during the June 12 meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2013 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move the Commission adopt the final 2014 White-Tailed Deer Antlerless B License Authorization as presented by FWP.